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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **5528**



Introduced by Honorable Sergio A.F. Apostol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay is the most fundamental unit of the political system of the Philippines. They play a central role in the formulation, evaluation and implementation of governmental policies, and operate as the advisory councils of the government.. The barangays, furthermore, are visualized as a means of reaching the grassroots and catering to the immediate needs of the members of its community.

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 9340, postponing the barangay elections on 2016. The barangay officials must be afforded more time to implement and effectuate their projects, plans, and programs. Otherwise, said plans and projects may end with the expiration of the term of these barangay officials. The momentum is thus broken up. And the community is left with nothing but unrealized projects and plans.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9340,
POSTPONING THE BARANGAY ELECTIONS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. Date of Election. The Barangay Elections which will be held on October 10, 2016 shall instead be held on April 10, 2017.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9340 is hereby to read as follows:

“Section 2. Assumption of Office. The term of office of the Barangay officials elected under this Act shall commence on April 2017, next following their elections.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions shall not be affected and thereby remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,